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Edmonton, Alberta
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The Honourable Clarence E. Gerhart, M.L.A.,
Provincial Secretary
Edmonton, Alberta.

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Dear Sir:

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report of the Department of the Provincial Secretary for the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1952, and the calendar year 1952, showing details of the various services rendered and statistics relating thereto.

REVENUE	1951-52
Alberta Insurance Act:	
Agents' license fees	$ 44,285.78
Companies license fees	120,685.00
Amusements Act:	
Amusement tax	800,774.15
Censorship fees	37,411.50
License fees	21,801.97
Moving picture operators' license fees	5,629.00
Pari-mutual tax	155,516.56
Bills of Sale Act:	
Registration fees	2,960.75
Change of Name Act	2,870.00
Companies Act	
Alberta companies	171,014.55
Foreign companies	35,666.45
Conditional Sales Act	
Registration fees	5,908.50
Drugless Practitioners Act	160.00
Extracts, searches, etc	4,791.58
Fire Prevention Act	40,696.01
Fuel Oil Tax Act	
Tax (less commissions)	12,866,293.02
Garagemen's Lien Act	1,404.33
Lightning Rod Act, licenses	558.70
Miscellaneous	1,545.13
Miscellaneous registrations	1,106.00
Optometry Act	20,200.00
Profit on sale of fuel oil dye	29.40
Queens Counsel letters patent	1,300.00
Real Estate Agents' Licensing Act	9,290.00
Reimbursement of salaries and expenses	12,884.05
Trust Companies Act	135.00
Vehicles and Highway Traffic Act:	
Dealers' plates	37,532.00
Drivers' licenses	281,940.25
Miscellaneous revenue	6,348.70
Owners certificates	2,081,748.80
Transfer fees	37,723.20
Vehicle approval certificates	20,417.50
TOTAL	$ 16,710,627.88
REVENUE 1950-51	15,766,183.00

GENERAL OFFICE

Under the Cemetery Act there were six (6) Cemetery companies incorporated during 1952. Comparative figures for the past three years are as follows:

1950	1951	1952
6	10	6

There were two Hundred and thirty-four (234) certificates of change of name issued during 1952 as compared with two hundred and eighteen (218) during 1951.

During the calendar year 1952 two meetings were held by the Accountants' Experience Appraisal Board, embodied by Order-in-council 906/52, pursuant to section 10 (b) (1) of The Alberta Chartered Accountants Act. Fifteen applications for certificates were considered by the Board of which six were granted, six refused and three were withheld pending interviews and further documentary evidence.

The Board of Examiners under The Chiropody Professions Act, embodied in June, 1952 held one meeting during the year and granted one Certificate of Approval for Registration.

At the 1952 session of the Legislature, the Drugless Practitioners Act 1950 was repealed and the Naturopathy Act 1952 was brought into force dealing only with naturopaths. Physio-therapists and masseurs are now free to practise without registration or license. The Board of Examiners under the Naturopathy Act held one meeting during the year and granted a Certificate of Approval for Registration to the only applicant.

Three meetings were held by the Board of Examiners under The Optometry Act 1950 at which 4 applications were considered of which three Certificates of Approval for Registration were granted and one was refused.

THE COMPANIES BRANCH

During the calendar year 1952, nine hundred and fifty-six (956) certificates of incorporation were issued under the Companies Act and two hundred and thirty-seven (237) Certificates of Registration were granted to Foreign or Extra-Provincial companies, which commenced to carry on business in Alberta, under Part VIII of the statute.

The Branch has successfully completed one of its busiest years. In addition to the decided increase in the number of incorporations and registrations a great number of certificates were issued increasing the capitalization of existing companies and for the various other purposes required by statute such as changing corporate names, reductions of capital, amending the powers and purposes originally conferred and preparing and certifying copies of documents on our files.

Registrations of Foreign or Extra-Provincial companies remain at a high level indicating a keen appreciation by Canadian, American and other business men of the opportunities existing in Alberta.

The following comparative table shows the number of incorporations and registrations during the past three years.

	1950	1951	1952
Alberta Companies incorporated	705	750	956
Foreign or Extra-Provincial Companies Registered	167	211	237
	872	961	1,193

Incorporations and Registrations of Oil, Gas and Drilling Companies which are included in the above figures were as follows:

	1950	1951	1952
Alberta Companies Incorporated	183	279	346
Foreign or Extra-Provincial Companies Registered	69	79	80
	252	358	426

There were two hundred and fifty-four (254) Alberta Companies dissovled during 1952 under authority of the statute and the registrations of forty-six (46) foreign or extra-provincial companies were cancelled. During the year eleven (11) Alberta companies were restored to the Register of Joint Stock Companies and four (4) foreign or Extra Provincial Companies were re-registered.

As at December 31, 1952, there were six thousand, four hundred and three (6,403) active Alberta Companies and two thousand, one hundred and seventy-five (2,175) active foreign or extra-provincial companies on the Register.

In addition to incorporations and registrations under The

Companies Act, incorporation certificates were also issued under the various other statutes administered, as set out in the following comparative table.

The	1950	1951	1952
The Co-operative Associations Act 1946	45	85	69
The Credit Union Act	4	8	9
The Religious Societies Lands Act	25	23	29
The Societies Act	113	101	114

An amount of $60.00 was collected under The Corporation Taxation Act on the restoration of an Alberta Company to the Register.

One prospectus was filed under The Companies Information Act.

THE AMUSEMENTS ACT

Amusements tax attendance increased during 1952. Admissions during the year totalled 18,065,819 as compared to 16,765,175 during the previous year. Amusements tax collected increased by $303,222.28.

REVENUE AND ADMISSIONS during the CALENDAR YEAR 1952

CITY	REVENUE 1952	ADMISSIONS 1952	ADMISSIONS 1951
Calgary	$ 276,373.87	4,720,204	4,415,096
Edmonton	304,351.52	5,347,366	4,813,265
Lethbridge	43,493.06	988,984	968,371
Medicine Hat	22,267.40	521,392	513,293
All Other Places	268,712.04	6,487,873	6,055,150
	915,197.89	18,065,819	16,765,175

PARI-MUTUAL TAX

NET TAX COLLECTED ON PARI-MUTUAL BETTING

	1951	1952
Calgary	$ 64,311.07	127,593.82
Edmonton	91,031.69	168,099.50
Other Places	173.80	1,305.50
	$155,516.56	$296,998,80

By Order in Council No. 270/52 a commission of 50% of the tax collected at spring and fall racing meets was cancelled, accounting in part for the large interest in revenue.

COMPARISON OF LICENSES DURING THE CALENDAR YEARS 1951 and 1952

	1951	1952
Entertainment Halls	850	858
Theatres	394	398
Film Exchanges	13	13
Itinerant Exhibitors	20	17
Travelling Shows (Including Carnivals)	72	89
	1,349	1,375

THEATRE INSPECTION BRANCH

The aggressive policy of inspection of theatres, entertainment halls, projection equipment and fire prevention facilities throughout the Province is continuing.

Quarterly examinations were continued in Edmonton, Calgary, Lethbridge and Medicine Hat, for the various classes of projectionist certificates.

During the year 1952, ten (10) new 35-millimeter theatres and four (4) new 16-millimeter theatres were opened in the Province. One (1) new drive-in theatre commenced operation.

The following comparative tables show blueprint surveys, licenses recommended, inspections, theatre and entertainment hall fires, etc., for the calendar years ending December 31st, 1951 and December 31st, 1952.

TABLE NO. 1. - THEATRE AND HALL INSPECTIONS

	1951	1952
Plans surveyed.....	66	49
New places recommended for license.....	66	49
Places inspected.....	183	472
Recommendations re wiring.....	115	149
Recommendations re fire precautions.....	113	339
Recommendations re exits.....	113	429
Recommendations re aisles.....	15	14
Recommendations re ventilation and sanitation.....	15	45

TABLE NO. 2. - PROJECTION ROOMS and PROJECTORS.

	1951	1952
Projections rooms inspected.....	116	111
Projectors inspected.....	199	216
Recommendations for repairs.....	133	135
Recommendations for wiring.....	19	3
Recommendations re fire precautions.....	62	51
Recommendations re ventilation.....	18	25
Projection rooms condemned.....	1	2

TABLE NO. 3. - PROJECTIONISTS

	Licenses Issued		Examinations Held	
	1951	1952	1951	1952
First Class	109	120	5	3
Second Class	112	130	8	19
Third Class	145	180	41	32
Apprentice	70	59		
Narrow Gauge	170	222		
Temporary Permissions Granted	6	6		
	612	717	54	54

FIRES IN ENTERTAINMENT HALLS DURING 1952

January 24th - Rycroft Community Hall
Loss - $20,000.00

January 30th - Edson Legion Hall
Loss - $40,000.00

January 30th (approx.) - Foothills Community Hall
Loss - Total

July 14th - Wainwright (near) Trafalgar Community Hall
Loss - Total. (This was an old hall valued at about $6,000.00).

November 2nd - Redwater Legion Hall
Loss - $10,000.00

December 16th - Spruce Grove Lanterns
Loss - Total

CENSORSHIP BRANCH

During the calendar year 1952, the Film Censor Board reviewed 2,564 first print standard (35mm) film subjects and 3,272 first print narrow gauge (16mm) films.

Standard Film

Standard films made up in reels of approximately 1,000 ft., were screened as follows,-

	Films	Reels
First Prints	2,564	5,846
Free Prints	4	38
	2,568	5,884
Second Prints	1,400	3,805
	3,968	9,689

Mainly productions of the following types,- adventure, ballet, comedy, comedrama, circus, circus-drama, drama, documentary, fairy tale, fantasy, horror, melodrama, musical, musidrama, mystery, news, opera, opera-ballet, and westerns, they were dealt with as follows,-

(a) Origin	(b) Films	(c) Reels	(d) Eliminations	(e) Rejections
Australia	1	2		
British	148	459	43	
Canadian	18	23		
Chinese	2	23		
German	6	27		
Italian	11	105	10	
French	9	44		1
Indian	3	11		
Japanese	2	9		
New Zealand	3	4		
Yiddish	1	8		
United States	2,363	5,160	45	
U. S. S. R.	1	9		
	2,568	5,884	98	1

Audience classification was designated as under.

Feature productions rated as Family Entertainment 63.87%

Overall " " " " " 84.19%

NARROW GAUGE (16mm) FILM

Narrow gauge film is made up in reels averaging 400 ft. and

were accounted for as follows,-

	Films	Reels
First Prints	1,370	3,794
Free Prints	1,902	2,196
	3,272	5,990
Second Prints	15	48
	3,287	6,038

These include educational documentary, dramatic, comedy, religious, and advertising subjects, dealt with in the following manner,-

Orgin	Films	Reels	Eliminations	Rejections
American	3,104	5,440	33	
British	27	172	6	
Canadian	4	4		
(French language)	95	95		
(German Language)	4	4		
French	15	89		
German	16	125	1	
Polish	3	21		
Russian	4	40	6	
	3,272	5,990	46 (31 films)	Nil

Standard films which passed through the screening room are broken down as follows,-

First Print	Films	Reels
Features	434	3,558
Shorts	468	582
News	357	357
Serials (episodes)	77	155
Trailers	1,232	1,232
	2,568	5,884
Second Print	**Films**	**Reels**
Features	310	2,668
Shorts	190	237
News	900	900
	1,400	3,805

REJECTIONS

La Ronde (French language)

A picture, produced in France, which condones and glorifies immorality and portrays subject matter unfit for general film audiences outside the country in which it was produced. A picture which presents indecent and suggestive situations involving married and unmarried couples alike leaving nothing to the imagination.

The screening of all classes of first print standard subjects during the year 1952 totalled 2,568 (5,884 reels) an increase of 34 (173 reels) as compared to 1951.

Narrow guage first print film totalled 3,272 (5,990 reels) of which 1,370 (3,794 reels), together with 15 (48 reels) second print film, represented films for exhibition in the commercial and itinerant fields on which censorship fees were collected; this represents an increase of 710 (1,185 reels) over 1951.

MOTOR VEHICLE BRANCH

The work of this branch has increased considerable in the past year, due to the increase in the number of automobiles operating in the Province.

During the calendar year ending December 31st, 1952, 55,230 documents comprising motor vehicles, aircraft, trailers and oil well drilling equipment were filed in the Central Registry Office of the branch under the provisions of the Bills of Sale Act, Conditional Sales Act and the Garagemen's Lien Act.

There were 61,430 passenger motor vehicles inspected and approved during the calendar year ending December 31st, 1952, by the 1,274 garages designated as testing stations. Twenty-Four passenger motor vehicles could not be approved because of their unsafe mechanical condition.

The Highway Safety Educational Unit travelled in excess of 14,000 miles. Lectures were given and films shown at 88 rural high schools, to approximately 11,013 students. Films were shown and lectures were given at meetings sponsored by various organizations attended by 1,189 individuals.

The following tables give statistics regarding Licenses, Convictions and Accidents:-

LICENSES ISSUED	1950-51	1951-52	1952-53 (9 mos.)
PASSENGER CARS	149,637	166,568	185,804
MOTORCYCLES	2,471	2,508	2,357
DEALERS PLATES	1,768	1,895	2,215
DRIVERS' LICENSES	259,831	288,285	308,745
TRANSFERS	30,680	36,650	34,486

CONVICTIONS	1951 Calendar Year		1952 Calendar Year	
	V.H.T.A.	SECTION 285 C.C.C.	V.H.T.A.	SECTION 285 C.C.C.
CALGARY	2,592	189	2,461	273
EDMONTON	2,699	335	2,606	508
LETHBRIDGE	561	73	558	73
MEDICINE HAT	179	28	246	46
ALL OTHERS	4,448	474	4,785	840

	CALENDAR YEAR 1951	CALENDAR YEAR 1952
ACCIDENTS ALL CLASSES	8,999	10,588
ACCIDENTS WHERE DAMAGES EXCEED $75.00	8,247	9,719
FATAL ACCIDENTS	112	111
PERSONAL INJURY ACCIDENTS	1,967	2,401
PERSONS KILLED IN FATAL ACCIDENTS	135	174
PERSONS INJURED IN MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS	2,783	3,828
CONVICTIONS UNDER 285 (4) C.C.C. (Intoxicated in charge of a motor vehicle)	231	134
CONVICTIONS UNDER 285(4a) C.C.C. (having care or control of a motor vehicle while ability impaired by alcohol		465
DRIVER'S LICENSES SUSPENDED BY COURT ORDER	685	880
PERSONS REQUIRED TO FILE PROOF OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY	1,024	2,007
JUDGEMENTS EXCEEDING $100.00	49	133

THE MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT INDEMNITY ACT

The work entailed in the administration of this statute shows a decided increase. On July 1st, 1952, the administration of this statute was taken over entirely by the Motor Vehicle Branch. Details of Suspension of licenses, impoundments, receipts and payments are as set out in the ensuing table.

SUSPENSION OF LICENSES:

	Fiscal Year 1949-50	Fiscal Year 1950-51	Fiscal Year 1951-52	Nine Months 1952-53
Drivers' and Chauffeurs' Licenses Suspended	497	524	742	660
Drivers' and Chauffeurs' Licenses Reinstated	110	146	243	137
Motor Vehicles Impounded	4	9	16	37
Motor Vehicles Released From Impoundment	7	9	12	6

RECEIPTS	Fiscal Year 1950-51	Fiscal Year 1951-52	Nine Months 1952-53
Payments into The Unsatisfied Judgement Fund as the result of the collection of $1.00 per Motor Vehicle Registration.	227,235.00	252,898.00	280,597.00

PAYMENTS	Fiscal Year 1950-51	Fiscal Year 1951-52	Nine Months 1952 - 53
Amount paid on account of Unsatisfied Judgements, Medical & Hospital Expenses and Miscellaneous Expenses	252,480.68	308,478.62	263,030.60

THE ALBERTA INSURANCE ACT

The Insurance Branch of the Provincial Secretary's Department is engaged in regulating and supervising the insurance business in The Province of Alberta. It provides administrative supervision under The Alberta Insurance Act, and in addition to the supervision of the general business of insurance, the Branch administers the Real Estate Agents' Licensing Act.

Policyholders' interests at all times receive primary consideration. The regulation of the insurance business, from the standpoint of the welfare of the insuring public, is a responsibility which is not taken lightly by the Superintendent of Insurance and his staff. The service rendered to the public by all employees of the insurance branch has its basis in the theory that what is good for the policyholders in this Province is likely, in the final analysis, to be good for the companies and the insurance agents whose operations are directly supervised by the insurance branch.

Close co-operation is maintained with the Dominion Superintendent of Insurance at Ottawa and the Insurance Departments of the other Provinces of Canada in the examination and regulation of insurance companies domiciled outside the Province of Alberta which are licensed to do Business in this province, as well as Alberta domestic companies who are licensed to do business in other provinces. The Alberta Superintendent of Insurance attended the 35th conference of Canadian Superintendents of Insurance in company with the Legislative Counsel for Alberta, at Toronto, Ontario, September29th to October 4th 1952 at which he was elected President of the Association of Superintendents of Insurance of Canada.

Having in mind the large volume of public funds invested in policy premiums on all classes of insurance in Alberta, and being cognizant of a responsibility to protect and safeguard this heavy investment to the best advantage possible, a senior clerk was added to the staff of the Insurance Branch of the Department in September, 1952.

Three domestic insurance companies were examined during the year 1952, and it is respectfully suggested that in the interests of maintaining in good order the available Provincial insurance facilities, particularly in the field of automobile insurance, that it would be in the interests of good public policy to relieve the insurance examiner of as much of the routine office work of the branch as possible. Sufficient time should be allocated to this official throughout the year to enable him to meticulously scrutinize the operations of all domestic insurers coming within the purview of the insurance branch, in order that appropriate control measures over insurance companies may be recommended for implementation and followed up wherever the examiner's findings indicate that there is need for such action.

The people of this Province have continued throughout the year 1952 to avail themselves of the claims and information service provided by the office of the Superintendent of Insurance, and since this work is now widely established as a public service, it is believed that it would be advantageous to the public and of great assistance to the employees of the insurance branch generally if an experienced claims investigator could be assigned full time to work in the insurance branch.

Revenues of the insurance branch received during the nine month period, April 1st, 1952, to December 31st, 1952, amounted to $111,963.00, not including recoveries under the Dominion Provincial Agreement relating to the annual tax of 2% of the gross premiums collected from subscribers in respect to risks located in the Province of Alberta, pursuant to the provisions of section 418 of the Alberta Insurance Act. The revenue for the 1952 period herein referred to is from licenses and filing fees alone and as compared to the corresponding period of the previous year it reflects an increase of $16,733.00. This figure further reflects substantial increased activity in the licensing division of the branch.

The tabular information given hereunder indicates the statistical comparisons of Insurance branch activities for the twelve month period ending December 31st, 1952, as contrasted with the corresponding period 1951

		Calendar Year	
Companies and Associations Licensed		1951	1952
Dominion Registered Companies		314	323
Alberta Companies		6	5
Extra-Provincial Companies		9	9
	Total	329	339
New Companies Admitted		14	12
Companies Withdrawn		---	2
Inspection of Companies Carried out			
Alberta Companies		2	3
Agents Licensed			
Resident		4,110	4,344
Non-Resident		126	154
	Total	4,236	4,498
Adjusters Licensed		95	118
Complaints Handled with Investigation Assistance Supplied by Inspectors from The office of the Fire Commissioner		102	101
Charges Entered		10	5
Charges Dismissed		1	---
Convictions Obtained		9	5
Fines Paid		$315.00	$125.00

THE REAL ESTATE AGENTS' LICENSING ACT

The Insurance Branch administers the Real Estate Agents' Licensing Act in this Province, which provides for the licensing, bonding and regulation of all persons engaged in the business of real estate here.

The many problems which are the outgrowth of the abnormal expansion of the real estate business in the Province of Alberta, are handled as efficiently as they possibly can be in the public interest.

Many persons having grievances relating to real estate matters have in the past year addressed themselves to the Superintendent of Insurance and his staff for the purpose of gaining assistance and relief from problems in which they have become involved as the result of either buying or selling real estate. Complaints handled through the office and over the telephone are

numerous under this Statute. Many problems are settled rapidly and amicably through the device of the Insurance Branch. In a large number of cases complaint filed are not even opened, nor are the complaints recorded, because the time consumed in so doing would not be justified in recording matters which so quickly become a dead issue.

Real estate agents and salesmen in Alberta realize that any violations of the Real Estate Agents' Licensing Act will be promptly dealt with by the branch. Activities of this office during the past year have been reported favourably by the public and the Alberta Real Estate Agents' Association.

In the nine month period, April 1st, 1952, to December 31st, 1952, revenue collected fromreal estate agents' and salesmen's licenses amounted to $8,730.00, and increase of $384.00 over the corresponding period of the previous year.

The activity of the branch is given below in tabular form and figures are given both in respect to the calendar year ending December 31st, 1952, and the licensing period from July 1st, 1952, to December 31st, 1952.

Period	Activity	Number
July 1, 1952 to December 31, 1952	Licenses issued to Real Estate Agents and Salesmen	1,385
Jan. 1, 1952 to December 31, 1952	Written complaints handled	53
"	Charges entered	4
"	Charges dismissed	1
"	Convictions obtained	3
"	Fines paid	$69.00

THE FIRE PREVENTION ACT

1. Fire Losses

The Alberta fire losses have decreased during 1952, and according to present reports and estimates received, a comparison of the last three years shows as follows:

Year	Property Loss	Per Capita Loss	Loss of Life	Injuries
1950	$ 5,242,553.	5.85	37	55
1951	4,681,963.	4.98	28	27
1952 (Est.)	3,976,172.	4.01	37	43

The Alberta population has increased from 936,556 to 970,000.

2. Inspection Activities

Inspectors in the Fire Commissioner's Office have continued an active inspection service, although more time has been devoted to civil defence, attending to fire hose standardization, and conducting firemen training schools. Two inspectors were also assigned as instructors for general civil defence schools. Investigations for the Superintendent of Insurance have increased again, thus reducing the time available for fire inspection work in the field. A comparison table for the years 1950, 1951, and 1952 shows as follows:-

Year	Towns Inspected	Buildings Inspected	Orders Written	Orders Verbal	Written Recommendations	Special Inspections
1950	469	770	943	1,293	1,163	553
1951	372	2,016	141	716	2,081	343
1952	416	2,440	54	320	2,883	376

The number of buildings inspected shows a marked increase, and the number of written recommendations have increased considerable over the previous year. This does not include inspection work which has been conducted by the local fire chiefs in cities, towns and villages. Local assistants accompany our inspectors on inspection work, then reinspect the premises until compliance is effected.

3. Fire Investigations

Fire investigations conducted by inspectors and reported to this office by dominion and municipal law enforcement bodies are as follows:

Year	Fire Investigations	Incendiary and Suspected Incendiary
1950	109	34
1951	118	40
1952	108	31

Fewer fires were investigated, and a reduction of fires of incendiary origin is noted.

A synopsis of court cases for arson and allied offences during 1952 is as follows:

Charges	Convictions	Acquittals or Charges Withdrawn	Pending
Arson	4		
Attempted Arson	2	1	
Arson-Juvenile Delinquent Act	4		
Arson-Mental Disease Act	2		
Perjury	1		
False Pretences			1
Fire Prevention Act	1		

There was one court of inquiry held pursuant to section 12 of The Fire Prevention Act. As a result of evidence produced at the fire inquiry, a charge of arson is pending.

4. Fire Prevention Education

Because of the work of the staff using the sound projector and films at civil defence schools and at special civil defence meetings, giving assistance to Provincial Civil Defence Headquarters, fire prevention meetings for the year show a decrease.

Year	Meetings Held	Number of Film Showings	Attendance
1950	258	128	14,862
1951	332	187	19,789
1952	219	127	18,070

Fire drills in schools, hospitals, theatres, institutions, dormitories, and other buildings, increased considerably during 1952, the total for the year being 234. Demonstrations of first aid fire fighting equipment totalled 182. There were 12 fire prevention and fire department films purchased during 1952.

The Fire Commissioner and his staff, with the cooperation of local fire departments, directed and promoted a vigorous fire prevention week campaign. There were 132 fire prevention week forms returned to this office. This was an increase of 85 over 1951. Four municipalities in the province received high awards placing within the top 25 across Canada, and there were 13 other municipalities receiving special recognition.

5. Fire Protection Instruction Unit

The Fire Protection Instruction Unit was assigned to civil defence schools and to special demonstrations for civil defence whenever required. However, it will be noted that more fire departments were called out during the fire drills. The following table shows the work of the Unit on regular fire protection instruction duties compared with the two previous years:

Year	Towns Visited	Recommendations	Drills Called	Pumper Demonstrations
1950	183	736	96	---
1951	108	455	41	---
1952	68	161	63	27

6. Plan Checking

Examination of architects' plans of new, or changes to existing hotels, hospitals, schools, and other assembly or institutional buildings has required more time and work than in any previous year. A total of 214 plans were checked, this being an increase of 30% over last year. Recommendations for changes pertaining to fire safety were followed up by correspondence from this office.

7. Other Activities

The Fire Commissioner was elected President of the Association of Canadian Fire Marshals when the Association met in Jasper in June. The Alberta Provincial Fire Chiefs' Association annual meeting was held at Banff and the Fire Commissioner and inspectors assisted in the program.

Firemanship competitions were held at Grande Prairie, Calgary, and Coleman, and this office encouraged the efforts of the fire departments sponsoring such competitions by attendance, assistance, and by putting up competition prizes.

The Deputy Fire Commissioner represented the office at special functions of fire departments throughout the province for the purpose of maintaining the interest in fire prevention and fire protection by local authorities.

The Fire Commissioner and the Deputy Fire Commissioner attended the Federal Civil Defence Fire Tactical Study Forums in Toronto in November and December. The work of planning and conducting four regional civil defence fire department instructors training schools was undertaken by this office. Schools were held at Grande Prairie, Edmonton, Calgary, and Lethbridge, at which 129 firemen from 80 different municipalities were in attendance and 123 fireman instructors completed the course. The Deputy Fire Commissioner, gave instruction also at all Provincial Civil Defence Courses and suffered a serious injury while demonstrating fire control of an incendiary bomb at Edmonton in February.

As Chairman of the Civil Defence Headquarters Fire and Flood

Committee, the Fire Commissioner attended regular civil defence meetings and convened many special meetings of the committee during the year.

8. Revenue Collected under The Fire Prevention Act

	Fiscal Year 1950 - 51	Fiscal Year 1951 - 52	Nine Months April 1/52 - Dec. 31/52
Fire Prevention Tax	$39,136.89	$40,696.01	$1,107.18

THE LIGHTNING ROD ACT

1. There were three companies licensed to sell and install lightning rod materials, and according to the amendment of The Lightning Rod Act, these licenses will be continued in force without renewal each year. Licenses were issued to 45 agents for selling and installing lightning rod materials. There were four investigations under The Lightning Rod Act, and four special inspections. There were no prosecutions.

2. Revenue Collected under The Lightning Rod Act

	Fiscal Year 1950-51	Fiscal Year 1951-52	Nine Months Apr.1/52 - Dec. 31/52
Company fees, tax, agents' fees, and sale of Acts.	$ 1,086.87	$ 558.70	$ 171.05

THE FUEL OIL TAX ACT

FISCAL YEAR 1951 - 1952

Total Sales of Fuel Oil for the Fiscal year 1951 - 1952 are shown hereunder with a comparison with the total sales for the fiscal year 1950-1951.

Gallons sold at Nine Cents per gallon	9,885,706.80
Gallons sold at Ten Cents per gallon	123,848,826.15
Gallons sold (purple coloured) at One Cent Net Tax	6,226,907.90
Gallons sold (purple coloured) tax exempt	125,908,462.60
Gallons sold (Propane Gas) at one cent net tax	796,808
Gallons sold (Propane Gas) Tax Exempt	5,494,475
	272,161,186.45
Total Sales Fiscal year 1950 - 1951	243,979,861.14
Increase	28,181,325.31

Total sales show an increase over the Fiscal Year of 1950-1951 of 28,181,325.31 gallons or 11.55%. Tax Exempt aviation fuel oil sales for the fiscal year 1951-1952 of 3,960,547 gallons are not included in the above figures. Taking these aviation sales into consideration would make a total of 276,121,733.45 gallons and an increase of 13.17% over the Fiscal Year 1950-1951.

Effective April 1st, 1951, an amendment to the Fuel Oil Tax Act provided that the rate of tax on sales of clear fuel oil be increased from nine cents per gallon to ten cents per gallon and that purple-coloured fuel oil on which a net tax of one cent per gallon had hitherto been charged be sold tax exempt. Liquefied Petroleum Gas such as Propane and Butane on which a net tax of one cent per gallon had been charged is now sold tax free.

The regulations under the Fuel Oil Tax Act have also been amended as of April 1st, 1951, whereby Aviation Gasoline of not less then 80 octane number is now sold tax exempt when used for the purpose of propelling aircraft.

This will in effect mean that sales of aviation gasoline formerly sold at the rate of nine cents per gallon and on which a refund of eight cents per gallon had been granted is now sold tax exempt.

Sales of Liquefied Petroleum Gas were increased from 2,682,819 gallons for the Fiscal year 1950-1951 to 6,291,283 gallons for the Fiscal Year 1951 - 1952, a net increase of 3,608,464 gallons or 134.5%. This type of fuel oil is sold mainly for heating purposes the balance being used for the purposes of propelling motor vehicles.

Sales of Clear Fuel Oil exlusive of Liquefied Petroleum Gas on which the full tax was charged amounted to 133,734,532.95 gallons in the Fiscal Year 1951 - 1952, an increase of 9,980,716.71 gallons or 8.06% over that of the previous fiscal year.

Sales of Non-Purple and Purple Gasoline for the period April 1st, 1952, to December 31st, 1952, are shown as follows:

Gallons sold at Nine Cents per gal.	1,692.80
Gallons sold at Ten Cents per gal.	122,891,542.25
Gals. sold (purple-coloured at 1¢ net tax	2,475
Gals. sold (purple-coloured) Tax Exempt	130,861,103.60
Gals. Sold (Propane) tax exempt	5,933,977
	259,690,790.65

Taxable clear gallonage exclusive of Liquefied Petroleum Gas sold for the period indicated above amounted to 122,893,235.05 gallons in comparison to 103,552,185.05 gallons in the same period 1951. This indicates an increase of 19,341,050 gallons or 18.68%.

With January, February and March of the current Fiscal Year to be reported, sales should be approximately another 33,800,000 gallons.

Net Revenue for the Fiscal Year 1951-1952	$12,766,293.02
Net Revenue for the Fiscal Year 1950-1951	$11,609,189.38
	$ 1,157,103.64

The increase in revenue of 1,157,103.64 may be attributed to the greater number of cars and trucks in operation in the Province, the greater number of tourists visiting Alberta during this period and to a normal increase in sales.

Net Revenue for the nine months ended December 31st, 1952, was $11,846,837.30 an increase of $2,012,331.10 or 20.46% over the same period in 1951. The fact that two crops were harvested in the majority of the farming districts in Alberta during this period coupled with an open fall and winter season up to the end of December would explain to some extent this substantial increase in revenue.

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